

"Ask not what your country can do to you, but rather what you can do to your country."

# GRAUSTARK

#155

1967U, 1967V, 1968G, 1968J

16 March 1968

1967V

"Fall 1907"

ALLIES DRIVE GERMANS OUT OF SCANDINAVIA

ENGLAND (Lebling): F North Sea-Norway; F Norwegian Sea S F North Sea-Norway; F Denmark; F Bar-St.P(n.c.).

FRANCE (Prosnitz): F Ska S ENGLISH F Denmark; A Hol-Kie; A Ruh S A Hol-Kie; A Tur-Mun; A Mar-Pie; F Lyo S A Mar-Pie; F Tyr & F Tun S ITALIAN F Nap-Ion.

GERMANY (M. Thomson): A Norway-St.P; F Bal-Den; A Swe S F Bal-Den; A Kie S F Bal-Den; F Per S A Kie.

ITALY (Griffin): No moves received. F Nap dislodged and annihilated.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (H. Anderson): A Mos S GERMAN A Norway-St.P; A Mun s GERMAN A Kie; A Rom S TURKISH F Ion-Nap; A Tyr S A Mun; A Ven S A Rom; A Tus-Pie; F Tri-Alb.

TURKEY (S. Heap): A St.P-Norway; F Ion-Nap; A Apu S F Ion-Nap; F Adr-Tri; F Aeg-Ion; F Gre & F Eas S F Ion-Nap.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany is dislodged from Sweden and has only the retreat A Swe-Fin. The Turkish army dislodged from St. Petersburg may retreat to either Finland or to Livonia; in the former case the Turkish and German retreating armies stand each other off, and both are annihilated. Players should take both possibilities into account when they submit their "Winter 1907" builds.

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nor, Swe. (5)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Hol, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Tun. (8)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Kie, St.P, War. (5)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Mos, Mun, Rom, Rum, Ser, Ven, Vie. (8)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Sev, Smy, Tri. (8)

England and Austria-Hungary may each build 1 new unit. Turkey may build one new unit if the retreat A St.P-Liv was made, but two if that army was annihilated by the re-

1968G

"Winter 1901"

ENGLAND, GERMANY DECLARE WAR ON FRANCE

ENGLAND (Walker): Builds F Lon.  
FRANCE (Peery): Builds A Par, F Bre.  
GERMANY (Hueston): Builds A Kie, A Ber.  
ITALY (Childers): Builds F Nap.  
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Musicant): Builds A Bud.  
RUSSIA (Prosnitz): Builds A St.P, A War.  
TURKEY (Lebling): Builds F Smy, A Ank.

The deadline for "Spring 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 30 MARCH 1968.

BERLIN to PARIS: Death to France!

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1968J

"Winter 1901"

EPIDEMIC OF LETHARGY HITS EASTERN POWERS

ENGLAND (H. Anderson): Builds F Lon.  
FRANCE (Maloney): Builds F Bre.  
GERMANY (Chalker): Builds A Ber, A Kie.  
ITALY (M. Thomson): Builds F Nap.  
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Latimer): Builds A Vie, A Bud.

RUSSIA (Griffin): No builds received.

TURKEY (Gordon): No builds received.

The deadline for "Spring 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 30 MARCH 1968. Jerry White, the first stand-by, is asked to submit "Spring 1902" moves for Russia. If no moves are received from Griffin, White's will be used and he will take over the play of Russia. There is no second stand-by in 1968J, and so Terry Kuch, who has been patiently standing by in 1967U and 1967V, is asked to submit "Spring 1902" moves for Turkey. He will take over for Turkey if Gordon submits no "Spring 1902" moves. The addresses of the stand-by players are:

W. Gerald White, 4004 S. E. Pine Street, Portland, Oregon 97214

Terry Kuch, Apt. 204, 1910 13th Street North, Arlington, Virginia 22201

retreat A St.P-Fin. Germany would be entitled to a build in the event of the latter retreat, but has no home supply center free for the build.

The deadline for these "Winter 1907" moves is SATURDAY 30 MARCH 1968 at noon.

## ITALIAN TROOPS LAND IN NORWAY; LUTETISK PARMIGIAN SERVED IN MESS HALLS

GERMANY (M. Miller): F North Sea C ITALIAN A Lon-Norway; F Bal-Fru; A Norway-St.P; A Mun-Sil; A Ber S A Mun-Sil; A Kie S A Ber; A Liv S A Norway-St.P; A Pie-Tyr.

ITALY (Clark): A Lon-Norway; F Norwegian Sea-Bar; F Mid-Jes; A Bur-Mar; A Ven S GERMAN A Pie-Tyr; A Rom S A Ven; F Nap holds; F Tyr S F Nap; F Tun-Ion.

RUSSIA (G. Heap): A Sve-Fin; F Den-Bal; A Pru-Ber; A Sil S A Pru-Ber; A Mos-Liv.

TURKEY (Beshara): A Smy-Alb; F Aeg & F Ion C A Smy-Alb; F Gre & F Apu S F Ion; A Con-Dul; A Gal-Boh; A Bud-Gal; A Vie-Tyr; A Tri S A Vie-Tyr; F Adr-Ven.

Underlined moves are not possible. These moves were mailed out a week ago, and a deadline of NOON, SATURDAY 23 MARCH 1968 was set for "Fall 1908" moves. On that date the "Fall 1908" moves will be mailed out to the four surviving players. The deadline for "Winter 1908" moves will be NOON, SATURDAY 30 MARCH 1968. "Fall 1908" and "Winter 1908" moves will be published on that date in GRAUSTARK #156.

## THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

## Chapter XLVIII

In their cells underneath the Circus Maximus, Secret Agent O-O-Hate and his boy assistant Burner plotted with the prisoner in the next cell on the overthrow of the notorious pacifist Nero.

"Holy CIA!" Burner exclaimed. "If I didn't know that Dr. Pourguerre's matter transmitter had sent us back to ancient Rome, I'd think we were fighting the sinister forces of World Peace in our own time!"

"Plotting to overthrow the Anti-War Conspiracy is much the same in all ages," replied O-O-Hate, who in civilian life is Clark Gansel, mild-mannered comic book collector. "Pete," he said to the prisoner in the next cell, "how would his generals react if they knew that Nero had fallen victim to the debilitating forces of world peace?"

"They know that their only hope for glory is war and victory," Peter replied, "so they'd all want to overthrow him. And our little network of cells will help, too. We can't exploit popular discontent if Rome is at peace, but let war come, and the structure of society will be so shaken that we can take over. Comes the Conversion..."

"How widespread is your group of loyal anti-peace conspirators?" O-O-Hate asked.

"We have little groups all over the Roman Empire. We even meet secretly in subterranean torture chambers, so we're called 'the Underground Press'."

"Could your couriers get word out to various generals in the provinces?"

Peter considered for a moment. "Yes, we could. We could stir up Vindex in Gaul, Galba in Spain, Vitellius in Germany, Vespasianus in Syria, and Otho here in Rome. If one of them fails, another is sure to overthrow him! But how do we get out of here to get things started?"

"Just stand back!" O-O-Hate warned. He then took a container of napalm out of his utility belt and dashed it against the opposite wall. The wall instantly burst into flame.

Guards rushed into the prison. "Get them prisoners out of there!" one shouted. "If they burn up, Nero will feed us to the lions instead!" As the guards opened their cells, O-O-Hate and Burner shot them down with pistols. Then they and Peter rushed up the stairs.

"Let them go!" a guard shouted. "If we don't put that fire out, it'll spread to the whole city!"

As the guards vainly rushed about with fire buckets, the escapees raced out into the streets. Nero appeared above them in a palace window.

"A fire!" he shouted with delight. "I am inspired! Bring my lyre! I shall sing!"

(O-O-Hate and Burner return to the 20th century in the next issue of GRAUSTARK.)

## 1968G - PRESS RELEASES

**PEERISAILLES:** The results of the Fall elections are in and it is clear that a decisive victory has been won by the "hawkish" People's Peerist Party over the "doveish" Peerist Progressive Party. However, the overwhelming People's Party victory was moderated somewhat by the strong showing made by the Young Peerist League, which captured 13% of the total votes, and 111 seats in the Council of Multi-Peerisites. Still, the war coalition formed by the two major parties clearly represents a national consensus as Frenciana faces invasion on a multitude of fronts.

Following the elections, which sent 666 members of the People's Party to the national Council of Multi-Peerisites, 222 members of the Peerist Progressive Party, and of course the 111 members of the Young Peerist League, a coalition government has been formed for the Peerocracy of Peeriland. (Note: Peeriland embraces Frenciana, those states which have voluntarily joined with it in mutual defense union, and other territories linked to the Motherland by common bonds of friendship and tradition.) The following structure has been revealed: **HEAD OF STATE:** Great Peerisite: Jack Greene, Jr.; **HEAD OF GOVERNMENT:** Prime Peerisite: Keith Polan; Chief de Cabinet: Premier Peerisite: Beverly Coker. **MEMBERS OF THE CABINET:** Perisite (Note: A Peerisite ranks higher in the Peerocracy than does a Perisite) of Defense: (PERIHIT): John Beshara; Perisite of Foreign Affairs (PERILIE): Conrad von Metzke; Perisite of External Affairs (PERISTEAL): William McLinn; Perisite of Social Affairs (PERISTEP): Richard Gadsden; Perisite of Personal Affairs (PERISEX): Gail Irene Schow; Perisite of Religious Affairs (PERIGOD): Charles Turner; Perisite of Propaganda (PERTALK): Rodney Walker; Perisite of Transportation (PERIBAHN): Robert Kinney; Perisite of Finance (PERIWASTE): Sid Cochran Jr.; Perisite of Education (PERITEACH): Stephen Gordon; Perisite of Public Works (PERIDITCH): Douglas Beyerlein; Perisite of Economy (PERIATION): John Boardman; Perisite of Justice (PERICAGE): Charles Carey; Perisite of Health (PERISIC): Gregory Warden; Chairman of the State Bank (PERIBANK): John Koning; Chairman of the State Planning Commission (PERIBORK): Ken Marx; Lord Peerichancellor: Brian Bailey; Lord Peri Seal: Hal Naus; Lord Executioner: Frank Musbach; Postmaster General: James Tuttle; Solicitor General: Gene Prosnitz.

Elected to the two main committees of the Council of Multi-Peerisites were:

**Council of Greater Perisites:** Chairman of the Council: Deborah Deutsch; 1st Vice Chairman of the Council: Margaret Gemignani; Vice-Chairman of the Council: Paul Leitch. Members: John Beshara, Gregory Long, Anders Swenson, Rodney Walker, James Latimer IV, Monte Zelazny, Conrad von Metzke, Eric Blake. Alternate members: Sid Cochran, Sr. David Francis, Charles Turner.

**Council of Lesser Perisites:** Chairman of the Council: John McCallum; 1st Vice-Chairman of the Council: Sidney Jolly. Members: Gail Schow, Charles Carey, Peter Comber, James Dygert, William Linden, Lawster W. Pendergrass, Gene Prosnitz, Roland Tzudiker. Alternate Members: Jack Chalker, Clyde Johnson, Charles Reinsel.

The above members of the Cabinet and two committees form the PERICLAQUE which is the supreme governing body of Peeriland. It is presided over by the nation's highest office-holder, the PEERIMOUTH, who is appointed by Her Majesty. The office is currently vacant but it is expected that our beloved Queen will very soon announce it has been filled.

These announced changes in no way conflict with the governmental appointments announced in the Spring for Frenciana; however, as is noted below, there are changes there also.

**PEERISAILLES:** The Frencian Foreign Ministry today announced that the former Prime Minister of Frenciana had been replaced. While the cause of the Duc de Greene's ouster was not immediately known, rumors were circulating that the Queen was embarrassed by his poor performance during the first weeks of his ministry. It has been announced that the Duc de Greene has been appointed to serve as Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Maldive Islands. Meanwhile, an interim Government has been formed under the direction of Baron Peripierre. The Frencian Foreign Ministry also announced that Frenciana would not reciprocate with a declaration of war against Germany in an effort to leave the door open for future restoration of good relations between the two countries. However, events vis-a-vis England were clear.

BREST: Her Imperial Majesty Lurlean IV, looking better than she had in months, arrived here in early December to observe the winter maneuvers of the 2nd Frencian Fleet which has been building here for some months. Her Majesty was reportedly so pleased with the fleet's progress that she awarded the Legion of Excellence to its commander, Capt. Jean-Paul Lulle.

PEERIS: Back from Brest Her Majesty spent Christmas Day visiting with newly conscripted troops of the 3rd Army which has recently been formed in the Ile de France. The Queen is reported to have promised a total effort to have the troops home by next Christmas next year if humanly possible.

PEERIS (26 December 1901): The Frencian Foreign Ministry today proposed that the Government of Frenciana recognize as legitimate the military dictatorship of Austria under Field Marshall Ivan Musicant. The Cabinet has taken the matter under consideration.

PEERIS: In her annual New Year's Eve message to the people Her Majesty tonight revealed the real reason for the recent departure of the Duchess of Westmoreland and the steadily deteriorating relations with England. "The situation has been and is exceedingly complex, which explains why English reports are so confused and contradictory. First, the man currently imprisoned in the Tower of London is not the Compté du Peri. Peri has been on a secret mission for us in Hellotidar for some time. The man the English have captured is really Karl Turnoff, the former Grand Sevastopolitan diplomat who has turned into a roving (for pay) trouble-maker. We have made excellent use of him. The English are aware of Turnoff's identity, but refuse to admit either this mistake (for Russia would be surely upset) or release the man. Instead he remains in the Tower. But as for the Duchess of Westmoreland. She was forced to flee from Frenciana when our Counter-Intelligence Corps (under Marshal de Peeria) discovered that she was in reality a leader of the John Boardman Society, a small band of anti-royalist, English supporters who seek to overthrow us. She had been here sometime as an English agent seeking to upset our government. She has fled for her life and if she reappears she will be arrested and brought to trial." In other comments Her Majesty revealed that Frenciana would go before the International Court of Justice to seek an investigation into claims that English Hessians have been guilty of Peericide in Norway. The Queen also promised to defend Frenciana's ally, Belgium, against English aggression. And lastly the Queen implied that she might soon bring forth a new commander to lead Frenciana's armies to victory. She referred to him only as: "MY LITTLE CORPORAL..."

HELLOTIDAR (ALLEN AND ROSSI PRESS AGENCY): (The following special report comes from Compté du Peri, Frenciana's ambassador at large who is here currently seeking an alliance with Hellotidar against England.) I arrived in Hellotidar in March of last year and have spent the intervening time studying the local political situation and attempting to win friends for Frenciana. How well I have succeeded only you can judge. The situation in Hellotidar is tense and confused. Although there are rumors that Hellotidar may soon go to war with Pollutidar, the lower kingdom, few preparations are in evidence. Instead, Hellotidar appears to be on the brink of civil war as two contending factions struggle for mass support. The largest faction is the Apogeians, who represent the masses of slaves and helots. The smaller faction is the Periogeians and their allies the Perioikoi who represent the intelligentsia of Hellotidar. The two are at opposite ends of the political spectra and no possibility for compromise is seen as possible, unless some strong outside force threatens them. Such a force may exist in Pollutidar.

LONDON (25 December 1901): The Ministry of Truth today announced that yet another plot by the despised and illegal sect of Christians to celebrate Christmas has been suppressed. The Ministry also issued an apology to His Inferial Majesty Emperoar Honj of Pollutidar for the unfortunate error in His title. Communications from some of the Emperoar's ancestors to the glorious King-Emperor Huon as late as 1673 had used the title "Putrefaction", and there had been no reason to suppose there had been a change in title.

GLASGOW (1 January 1902): Her Highness, the beauteous Lucretia, Duchess of Westmoreland, departed this northern port today in the dreadnought Invincible, bound for Pollutidar. The cargo of the ship included several captive Christians (in cages marked "CARE" and "To Pollutidar, with love") and 500 tons of nitroglycerine. As to the latter, Her Highness remarked, "I understand that some of the vents are clogged with ice

and rocks and things. We don't want our friends from below to have any trouble getting out."

LONDON (3 January 1902): Scandal of the season: Larry Peery is really Conrad von Metzke!

LONDON (5 January 1902): Scandal of the year: John Boardman is really William F. Buckley with a fake mustache!!

LONDON (7 January 1902): Scandal of the century: Lucretia Borgia is a charter member of the W. C. T. U.!!!

POLLUTIDAR: His Inferial Majesty Honj the Horny, Emperoar of Pollutidar, announced the arrest of the Compte du Peri, a spy from one of the noisy outer crust nations whose war is disturbing the tranquillity of Pollutidar. "Furthermore, this spy had been sending to the Outer Crust slanderous reports about our noble, free, and peaceful Empire," he told an audience of cave men, Amiocapans, Himeans, Coripis, Horibs, Sagoths, Shoggoths, Thipdars, Mahars, Koarsars, and Hirshibars. "These are the worst libels which have been circulated about Pollutidar on the Outer Crust since that fellow came through in his burroughing machine. In this connection, I think it particularly worthy of comment that one of the outer crusters involved in this last invasion was named Abner Peery." At the mention of the name of this aggressor, the entire crowd broke into a chorus of hisses, howls, catcalls, taragcalls, gnashing of teeth, smacking of lips, and heavy telepathic static from the Mahars.

"Fortunately for the peace and justice of Pollutidar," the Emperoar went on, "this spy has been apprehended, and will soon get just desserts. More precisely, he will become just dessert to the Trodons on the Inferial Zoo."

KOARSAR, POLLUTIDAR: Fleet Admiral Bobo Rygmus announced today that the Koarsar fleet is ready for any eventuality, should the Emperoar send them to the Outer Crust. "But this, of course, must await the arrival of the Duchess of Westmoreland and her entourage. The Emperoar has ordered us to go out to meet her, and to unclog her vents if necessary."

AMOZ, POLLUTIDAR: Emperoar Honj acknowledged worsening relations with the warring nations of the Outer Crust by banning the playing of the national anthems of Frenciana ("Peeriland, My Peeriland"), Germany ("Die Wacht am Wein"), Italy ("Lyndonezza"), Austria-Hungary ("Ich Bin Musikanter"), Russia ("God Shave the Tsar"), and Turkey ("B  lad of the Yellow Berets"). The English anthem, "H  on, the Night, and the Music" was exempted from this proscription.

"We are particularly concerned about the low moral quality of 'Peeriland, My Peeriland,'" said Blab the Talkative One, Minister of Impropropaganda. "One line goes, 'She bleeds, she burns, she'll come, she'll come.'" This is scarcely the sort of high moral sentiment we hope to establish in Pollutidar. The Minister then went on to award the Order of the Golden Tarag to the Himean composer Yawp for his new composition, "War Song for Drum, Bagpipe, and Tuned Skulls".

KUT-EL-AMARA (12 November 1901): This tiny Mesopotamian town was the scene of what promises to be one of the crucial battles of the Middle East War. On November 5, the Turkish garrison was attacked by the combined Iranian and Frencian forces. The attackers, realizing they could not defeat the Sultan's invincible legions in pitched battle, laid siege, expecting to starve out the defenders.

However, an heroic scout of the Turkish army, a native of the area named Muad'dib, managed to slip out of the Frencian lines and reach Baghdad. A division was dispatched to relieve the garrison, reaching Kut-el-Amara on the tenth. The Frencian forces attempted to escape, but were caught between the two Ottoman lines. A pitched battle followed, in which the Frencian army was dealt a decisive defeat. The Iranian insurrection has been crushed, and 7,549 Frencian troops were captured, including General Villeperi, one of the Frencian commanders in the East. The only note of darkness in the situation was the severe wound suffered by General Kiamil, son of the great Midhat Pasha, Grand Vizier 1876-77 and 1881-89. Midhat is generally credited with the judicial and legal reforms which reversed the trend to stagnation in the Empire and placed it again in the ranks of the world powers. It was he who prevented the partition of the North African dominions in the early Eighties and engineered the Constitution of 1888. His son Kamil, following his education, entered the armed forces, distinguishing himself during the Balkan Wars of the Nineties and rising to the rank of General. It is expected that upon the retirement of Mehmed Jemel he will become supreme commander of



the Ottoman forces in the Balkan theatre. He has twice been the target of Peerist assassination attempts, and as a result has become a dedicated anti-peeriste. He is married to Lady Wenna Montchauve, sister of His Excellency, Baron Edvin Montchauve, Grand Master of Britain's influential Order of the Wolf, and Admiral of the Fleet.

CONSTANTINOPLE (8 February 1902): With less than two weeks to go until the Parliamentary elections, Minister of State Yorgo I Stefanopoulos announced the capture of Colonel Alexis Statkaer of Austrian Intelligence. Statkaer has, according to documents captured with him in Adrianople, been operating inside Turkish territory since 1897, mostly in Greece and Rumania, under the name of Nikolaos Platikis. He was involved in the Balkan War as an advisor to the Ethnike Hetairia and is suspected to have master-minded the assassination of Prince Mohammed in 1899.

I Stefanopoulos hinted at "startling revelations" in the manuscripts discovered with Statkaer, and according to an informed source inside the Ministry several of the Young Turks were implicated as receiving Austrian monies to finance their People's Party. It was also rumored that the documents prove that during his exile in the late Eighties

Mehmet Azizoglu, prominent in People's Party councils, joined several Peerist societies in Switzerland, and although no others of the People's Party leadership were linked with Peerism the suspicion is bound to arise that the party is a Peerist front organization.

CONSTANTINOPLE (17 February 1902, Official Ministry of the Interior Bulletin): Effective on this day, 17 February 1902, the Ottoman People's Party, the National People's Youth Groups, and the Armenian Citizenry Party are all outlawed and dissolved as subversive groups under the direction of a foreign enemy power, the Empire of Austria and Hungary. All citizens having information leading to the arrest of Mehmet Azizoglu, Kemal Misansioğlu, or Murat Sertel, or of any of the members of the above groups, should inform the local authorities. A reward is offered.

SCUTARI (17 February 1902): Mehmet Azizoglu, wanted in Turkey for political crimes, was seen slipping into Austrian occupied territory tonight, where he asked for political asylum. With him was Alexis Statkaer, an Austrian intelligence agent who was captured two weeks ago by Turkish police but escaped on the thirteenth and fled to Greece. News of his escape has not yet been released to the Turkish press, apparently to avoid an electoral crisis. (Albanian Press Agency Report.)

VALONA (3 March 1902): Turkish units took this Albanian city today, as the advance on Austria begins. Skoplje, according to reliable sources, is expected to be taken sometime in early April, and if the threatened Serbian uprising materializes the Janizaries should be at the Danube in July.

#### A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF BEAUCOUILLON - XXI

As the centuries-old playground of the world's aristocracy, Beaucouillon has never been particularly receptive to democratic ideas. At the time of the French Revolution, therefore, the tiny Grand Duchy served as a refuge for many French nobles, who took refuge at the court of Fortunato XVIII. However, they failed to find any support for their plans to return to power. This policy was contained in some whispered advice given to the Grand Duke by Count Giuliano d'Avino, in words which were preserved for historians by a girl who happened to be lying between them:

"Your Highness should find place for these noble refugees around the gaming tables in the Grand Ducal Bourse," d'Avino advised, "particularly if they brought any money out with them. But make no commitments which will alienate the revolutionary government. Somebody has to run all those confiscated estates, which means that there is growing up in France a new class of wealthy men who will soon seek out Beaucouillon for diversion. Furthermore, so natural is an aristocratic order to human society that, inevitably, the new government will create a whole fresh set of barons, counts, dukes, and princes to grace our salons. And of course we'll still have the original batch here, having cleaned them out so they can't afford to leave."

"But won't our own peasants revolt?" the Grand Duke asked. "We can't very well have the lower orders getting the idea that they have the disposal of their own lives!"

"As long as the money keeps rolling in, we can get them to do as we please," the Count replied. "Take, for instance, this wench -"

The account of their conversation breaks off at this point.

## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Some time ago your editor heard of a game which had been marketed by students of a New-Leftist persuasion in Orange County, California. The game was modeled after Monopoly, but carried bitter criticism of the existing economic system, including the immense profits reaped from slum real estate. Appropriately, the game was called "Avarice". Art Kunkin of the Los Angeles Free Press now writes that the game was never published, but was described in a student magazine at Fullerton Junior College as if it actually existed. Needless to say, Orange County conservatives were deeply upset by a game which makes fun of the capitalist system, and demanded that the college discipline students who demonstrated such unfitting levity.

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"Two world wars within my lifetime, and a multiplicity of lesser ones, have anaesthetized our moral perceptions, and somehow produced the illusion that there can be a justification for killing millions of men, women, and children in places like Dresden, Stalingrad, Hamburg, and Hiroshima, and a hundred places more. I am obliged to say that I personally feel that nothing justifies it - neither Communism, Fascism, nationalism, tyranny, nor freedom; the conquest of the earth or the preservation of any way of life: nothing. Nothing in the world, however, base nor however good, nor however theoretically admirable, can justify murder as an act of policy. This is an argument hardly likely to be accepted in a society where even the professional priests bless the machinery of death in the name of Christ and anointed clergymen officiate at the launching of nuclear submarines." - James Cameron, Point of Departure

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A musical based on the life of the "spy" Mata Hari will open on Broadway in December. David Merrick will produce this show, tentatively entitled "Façade"; the film director Vincente Minnelli will direct it. Marisa Mell, heroine of the film "Casanova '70", will play the title roll.

We may wonder whether the musical, which covers Mata Hari's life from her discovery in 1916 to her execution the following year, will correspond in any way to the facts. Mata Hari has become synonymous with "sinister, beautiful female spy". Actually, she was a Dutch girl, a dancer who became the mistress of a German general some years before World War I. The general did not have the funds to keep her in the style to which she wished to become accustomed - but he did have at his disposal funds for espionage work. He was accountable to no one for the use he made of this money, so it went to Mata Hari. When he passed her on to another German general, he passed on this financial arrangement as well. By the time that Mata Hari had been through 3 or 4 generals, she was carried on the books as a top-rate secret agent.

Unfortunately, she let this distinction go to her head. When in Italy in 1916, she let drop many lightly veiled hints about her exciting career in espionage. The Italians turned her over to the French, who were at war and in no mood to distinguish the boastings of a playgirl with the activities of a spy. She was unromantically shot in 1917.

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According to the Wall Street Journal, the National Casket Company of Boston has merged with Federal Drop Forge Co., which makes forgings for army tanks and shells.

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In answer to a question raised in GRAUSTARK #153 by Mehran Thomson, John Koning and John McCallum point out that Italy has won postal games 1965D, 1965H, and 1965I. Jerry Pournelle was the winner in the first of these games, and John Smythe in the other two. Derek Nelson also won a five-man game, 1963A, as Italy.

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Sherma Comerford, Debra Langsam, and other local Star Trek fans are putting together a board game based on the Star Trek show. It is of a fairly basic "chutes and ladders" type, but with unique features which have made it a great favorite at local science fiction club meetings. Misses Comerford and Langsam are publishers of Spockonia, a Star Trek fanzine. I imagine that further information would be available from Miss Comerford at 83 Lincoln Ave., Newark, N. J. 07104.

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This publication is not edited under the supervision of Bangs Leslie Tapscott.

Terry Kuch has sent along the first three issues of his new Diplomacy bulletin Thulcandra. This bulletin circulates in Mensa, a social organization of people in the top 2% as graded on an intelligence test. Dr. Kuch (Apt. 204, 1910 13th Street North, Arlington, Virginia 22201) reports that the company for which he works has many Diplomacy players. In addition to a game, the xeroxed Thulcandra carries reports on life in the tiny Carpathian duchy (or maybe people's republic) of Hernia.

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Charles Wells writes that he has handed over to John Koning the numbering of postal Diplomacy games. Game masters should write Koning at Apt. 1, 2008 Sherman Ave., Evanston, Ill. 60201 for matters connected with numbering their games.

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"There are several indices of coming revolt. One of the easiest to spot is a change in attitude among the aristocrats or chiefs, landed gentry, leaders of business and finance, much of the clergy, and the senior military and government officials. These people normally run a country. The student of revolutions should watch for evidence of a weakening in their will to govern, a change sometimes referred to as 'the disintegration of the elite'. These symptoms have been noted before nearly every important revolution including the French, the Russian, and the Algerian. As such persons lose faith in the way their associates are running the country they become critical of its top leaders. Some will resign from government posts, others will ask for reassignment, while still others go into retirement or take long trips abroad. A few will actually side with the insurgents.

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"The careful observer should also watch for signs of growing bitterness, impatience, and opposition among the intellectuals, professional people, and the leaders of labor, farmers, and students. Normally they stay close to 'the Establishment' and are merely interested in limited reforms and democratic change.

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"However, before every important revolution there have been signs of 'the desertion of the intellectuals'. This means that they have given up hope that the 'power elite' can meet the problems with which it is faced. The intellectuals are apt to talk much more freely than the government leaders and to show their disillusionment and anger more readily. Some will fall back on escapism, but many are ready to join the party of revolt. This occurred in Russia, in Egypt, and in Cuba, to cite but three examples. If there is evidence that both the power elite and the intellectuals are losing faith in a regime, there is good reason to expect a political upheaval of some sort." - Richard H. Sanger, Insurgent Era, 1967.

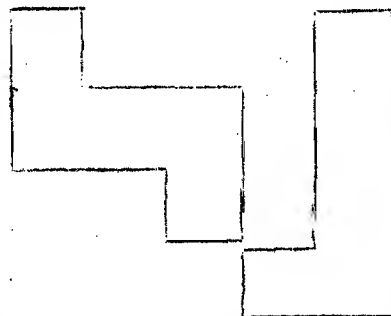
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The polyominoes, invented by Solomon Golomb and popularized by Martin Gardner through his column in Scientific American, have been made the basis of a new game, Parker Brothers' "Universe". Like most games nowadays, this one is being marketed as a tie-in with a dramatic production, in this case Stanley Kubrick's new Cinerama film 2001 - A Space Odyssey. The game consists of a board ruled in squares, and four sets of pentominoes in four different colors. A pentomino consists of five squares joined to one another. There are 12 possible pentominoes, two of which are shown to the right. The game rules suggest one way of using them in a game; others appear in Gardner's The Scientific American Book of Mathematical Puzzles and Diversions.

The game has a list price of \$5.00, but New Yorkers can get it at half price at Digby's, a discount house on Cortlandt Street which is going out of business owing to the construction of the World Trade Center.

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## THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

GEORGE LINCOLN DYGERT, 2090 Blackwood Drive, Walnut Creek, Calif. 94596: As for Charlie ((Turner)) reading books by Africans - well, I certainly wouldn't object to his reading the work of Jan Christiaan Smuts. Yet in order to play your little game we must stray still further. Curiously, Augustine was born in the Numidian province of Imperial Rome, where the educated people, I suppose, spoke Latin. They were not black, as blacks are, though probably swarthy, since their descendants were Greeks and Tyrians. ((Don't you mean "ancestors"?)) If you consider Spaniards, Gauls, or Syrians as civilized, then you should regard Augustine's compatriots as civilized. So we may now breathe easier, knowing, that if Augustine was not as white as Ptolemy or Cleopatra, he was probably no darker than Athanasius.

((Actually, Cleopatra's mother was a Nubian princess, and Cleopatra's daughter contracted a politically advantageous marriage with a Moorish king without any indication of color prejudice on anyone's part. But my original remark was that Augustine was an African, and that you showed no little antipathy towards people whose roots are on that continent.

((During the Algerian War for Independence, there was a conservative group here in New York which picketed the U. N. as supporters of the colonialist Secret Army Organization. They described the S. A. O. as "America's only foreign friend", and depicted them as defenders of white, French, culture against a black African revolutionary movement comparable to the civil rights movement in this country. So I mistakenly assumed that, since you seem to concur in this group's views in so many other matters, you also shared their views of the racial situation in North Africa.

((I would refer you to the leadership of this group, the American National Party, except that the two principal leaders are no longer available. One committed suicide, and the other has just been sentenced to a long term for murder.))

ROD WALKER, 1611 Lowry Drive, Rantoul, Ill. 61866: Notes to your little extract from Mao: ((in GRAUSTARK #154, p. 5)) 1. Duke Hsiang was apparently more than wounded. He died the next year. 2. The Duke of Chu at the time was Duke Ching. 3. Now that the works of Confucius are proscribed in China, it is nice to know that the people of that unfortunate land can still read the words of their national genius whenever Mao cribbed from him; but then, nothing Mao ever wrote made any pretention to originality.

((Now I have a few notes: 1. The quote was not an extract from Mao, but a translator's explanation of a reference used by Mao. Mao's words, in this context, were, "We are not Duke Hsiang of Sung and have no use for his asinine ethics." 2. Can the European feudal title "Duke" be carried over with any accuracy into the quite different context of ancient China? 3. Can any source, other than such obviously prejudiced ones as Taiwan, substantiate the claim that "the works of Confucius are proscribed in China"? There are many parallels between Shih Huang-ti and Mao Tse-tung, but is this among them? 4. Where in the works of Kung Fu-tse, alias "Confucius", can the tale of Duke Hsiang be found?))

DAVE LEBLING, 3 Rollins Court, Rockville, Md. 20852 ((this address is valid from 22 March to 1 April, but GRAUSTARK and presumably other 'zines are to be sent to the Cambridge address anyhow)): You might be interested in knowing that after watching the recent special "Rise and Fall of the Third Reich", a rather large number of non-supporters of the war have switched! ((Like in New Hampshire?)) The section on the period leading up to the war (Munich and "all that) is chilling. One of the people I asked about the war said before the show, I think we should get out, after "After watching that, I'm almost afraid McCarthy would make it happen again." I draw no morals.

((Let's see - just how relevant is the Nazi issue to Vietnam. Of all the people involved there, only two have made statements which can be regarded as pro-Nazi:

"People ask me who my heroes are. I have only one - Hitler," Nguyen Cao Ky, London Daily Mirror, 4 July 1965.

"I would like to see American students develop as much fanaticism about the U. S. political system as young Nazis did about their system during the war," Lyndon Baines Johnson, in several public statements. See Robert Sherrill, The Accidental President, p. 187."

Now who was it who mentioned Nazis?))

MARGARET GEMIGNANI, Coral Ridge Towers North, 3200 N. E. 36th St., Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33308 ((This new address holds until 2 April; after that date Margaret returns to 67 Windemere Road, Rochester, N. Y. 14610.)): I know my Diplomacy manners have been sadly lacking in the past and my ways of arguments have been a bit too emotional, but I hereby resolved to change my ways today.

While I do not agree with you (Self-admitted) one-sided and prefabricated (for a fellow who was going to present two sides of the argument, you don't seem to have your heart in your work) political views and though you have failed to put all politicking out of your Diplomacy zine, I still respect it as one of the finest Diplomacy zines. You may be interested to not that I now like OO Hate and never object to fine Diplomacy press releases, your limricks, or satire. You are holding a more open letter column, I also, respect you as a person. You are a gentleman, you have a fine sense of humor, and you write funny matteral. ((So do you.)) I even liked the way you used my name in Beaucoullion Chronicles.

...Are you setting down? If not, you'd better take a set. I am feed up with Johnson. He is fifth rider of the Aplospe. The Viet Nam War was justified but it isn't any longer. Men should stop fighting this war and let machines drove back the invader until he will come to conference table. It is obvious he isn't welcome in that part of Asia. But we don't belong there either. The war has become bad. It kills too many, depoluated Asia, destroys the land (and sin is on both sides), and is all out of hand. When even for instance, the ally goes down to level of enemy is time to get thee to conference table. The creature in Washington does what he please, bloody Westerland used up men like US Grant, wins no large victories, and the Comittees parade secret matteral out in open like cheap politics. I hope we get something good this year, I don't care for McCarthy. There was he when the war start and grow. Nixon's show has been on road too long. Wallace can't stop pushing a dead horse long effect to comfort his suffering wife. Rockefeller doesn't believe in council either. Romney is impossible. He is no lose. Hope something good comes up soon.

I do believe US will come out alright. There just isn't anyone better then us around, inspite of our mistakes. I don't hand out any medals to Russia or China. They did not earn any. But it is time we profited form our mistakes.

...In view of light of certain development, it might be that Johnson is really trying and and Nixon is sincere. In worstest us is good and they aren't the worstest.

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